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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following amendment to the beginning of the subject specification

## -- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a Continuation of U.S. patent application serial no. 10/516,471, entitled "A TYING DEVICE", filed November 29, 2004 which claims priority of Australian Application PS2636, filed May 30, 2002; and Australian Application 2003900461, filed January 29, 2003.--

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